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Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

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H. H. JOSEPH, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, January 17, 1894.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

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Tacoma, Tuesday, Feb. 27/94.

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Victoria, Tuesday, April 10/94.

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Consular Licenses of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate, and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of The Freight Agent Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

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Hongkong, January 3, 1894.

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THE Steamship Glenorchy having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 19th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 26th Instant, otherwise they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 12, 1894. 33

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. Agila, Captain G. PETERSEN, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from the Godowns.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LTD., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 22nd Inst., at 4 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 15, 1894. 109

STEAMSHIP OCEANIC.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex S.S. Laboulaye and Guadalupe, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium, Treasures, and Valuable—being landed and stored at the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be received, unless information is received from the Consignee before Noon To-day (Friday), the 12th Inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining undelivered after Friday, the 19th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent, and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Friday, the 19th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

All Damaged Packages will be examined on Friday, the 19th Instant, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE GRAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, January 12, 1894. 85

To-day's Advertisements.

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NOTICE.

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Misses M. E. & N. D'ARCY, Sole Proprietors.

E. C. OLTHEROW, General Manager.

Hongkong, January 17, 1894. 110

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The Short RANGE CUP will be Shot for on SATURDAY, the 20th Instant. Ranges, 500 and 600 yards. Time, 2.45 p.m.

ED. ROBINSON, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 17, 1894. 125

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FRIDAY, the 19th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

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THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Co.'s Steamship *Zafiro*, Capt. J. Youns, will be despatched for the above

Ports on SATURDAY, the 20th Instant, at 4 p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for Passengers.

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SHEWAN & Co., General Managers.

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

The Co.'s Steamship *Formosa*, Capt. Hall, will be despatched for the above

Ports on SUNDAY, the 21st Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, January 17, 1894. 128

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Co.'s Steamship *Chakra*, Capt. R. Cass, will be despatched as above on

WEDNESDAY, the 24th Inst., at 1 p.m.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, January 17, 1894. 120

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

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The Steamship *Fintshire*, Capt. R. Cass, will be despatched for the above

Port on or about the 26th Instant.

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Hongkong, January 17, 1894. 121

FOR SINGAPORE, MARSEILLES, HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

(Calling at NAPLES for landing Passengers if sufficient inducement offers.)

Through Bills of Lading issued to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL AND BREMEN.)

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This Steamer has superior Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

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Hongkong, January 17, 1894. 115

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THIRD FLOOR in No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD.

OFFICES in VICTORIA BUILDINGS.

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Hongkong, January 17, 1894. 123

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FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

The Company's S.S. *Choyang* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m. of the 19th Inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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NURSING MOTHERS AND INFANTS,

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Date of Leaving.

Bremen & Ports of Call: Preussen (s)..... Norddeutscher Lloyd. Feb. 5, at 3 p.m.

Hamburg and London: Bulwer (s)..... P. & O. S. N. Co. Jan. 18, at daylight.

Japan, Amoy, & Canton: S. S. N. Co. Jan. 18, at noon.

London & Ports of Call: Ganges (s)..... P. & O. S. N. Co. Jan. 18, at noon.

London & Ports of Call: Kintok (s)..... P. & O. S. N. Co. Jan. 18, at noon.

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At the Magistracy this morning James Smith, chief officer of the sailing ship *Benzgator*, charged his captain, Captain Congdon, before Mr. H. E. Wodhouse, with using insulting language to him on board ship at different times during the last two months. The complaint gave the Magistrate samples of the language complained of, and after some conversation the case was dismissed upon the accused agreeing to apologise.

Tax Sanitary Board meets to-morrow. The following is the Order of the Day.—Mr. Francis will move:—That in the opinion of this Board, 5 gallons of water per head per day is, from a sanitary point of view, a wholly inadequate allowance of water in this climate, and that in limiting the free supply of water to many large blocks of buildings to that quantity the Government are violating the understanding on the faith of which extensive powers granted by Ordinance 16 of 1890 were conferred by the Legislative Council. Agenda.—1. Mortality Returns for weeks ended the 30th December, 1893, and 6th and 13th January, 1894. 2. Surveyor's Report on condition of 'Kwai' at Nos. 11 and 12, 'Kwai' Water Lane, Nos. 33, 35, and 37, Hillier Street, Nos. 267 to 293 (old Nos.), Queen's Road Central, Nos. 82 to 104 (new Nos.), Jervois Street, and No. 16, Cleverly Street. 3. Superintendent's Report concerning complaints re the Bucket Station.

Last night a social meeting was given to soldiers and sailors in the Kowloon Institute. Tea was served to over a hundred men, and the subsequent meeting was attended by about 180 persons. The chair was occupied by Vice-Admiral Sir E. Fremantle, K. C. B., who briefly addressed the meeting. An address was also given during the evening by the Right Rev. Bishop Barrow, and a very good musical programme was contributed to by Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick, Rev. Douglas Hamilton, and Mrs. Hamilton, Miss Holmes, Miss Eva Holmes, and Messrs. Bourne and Tilly. A vote of thanks to the ladies who provided the good things was proposed by Rev. D. Hamilton, Military Chaplain, and seconded by Rev. R. Hughes, Chaplain, H.M.S. *Mercury*. A vote of thanks to the Admiral for presiding was proposed by Captain Angus MacLeod, H.M.S. *Falke*, and seconded by Rev. A. G. Goldsmith. The entertainment was an excellent one, and afforded much pleasure to those who were present.

It is doubtful if any bye-laws are in force regulating the display of goods at the doors of shops in this Colony, but there should be some law or regulation for coping with an innovation in Queen's Road Central, which, if permitted, may lead to our 'grand avenue'—'Boulevard des Italiens'—being turned into a sort of Bag Fair or street for the display of antiquated articles of wearing apparel. The innovation has been introduced by a rattan goods dealer almost directly opposite the Hongkong Hotel. The innovation itself is a lounge chair suspended above one of the arches of the verandah. We all know the state of affairs in Queen's Road East and Queen's Road West. The Chinese shop-keeper, if permitted to take an inch, monopolises the whole verandah, and uses it to a certain extent for protruding his wares on the public notice. Surely the authorities are not going to allow the same thing to be done in the very centre of the city. The matter should be looked into at once. If we are not mistaken there is an Ordinance—the provisions of which have never been repealed—which restricts the district for the occupation of Chinese tenants. There is a prospect of the whole city being overrun by the Chinese without any consideration whatever as to the comfort or convenience of the European residents. In most British possessions or settlements some such wise restriction as was in force in the earlier days of this Colony exists for retaining a part exclusively for the European residents, and it is doubtful if the time has arrived for allowing Chinese to spread themselves all over this Colony as there seems to be a danger of their doing.

Tax. Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Netherland Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—
Kin Yee Loong 20
Hui Tin 20
Bak Cheong Wing 15
Kwong Cheong Tat 15
Tung Sang Wai 15
Cheng Ching Nam 10
Ye Shun Tai 10
Kwong On Wai 10
Yung Kung Fa 10
Lo Chi Tin 10
Lo Tze Chung 10
Tung Fung Shun 10
Wong Shing Hong 10
Mow Wo Cheong 10
Wing Yee Tai 10
Wing Chiu Wing 10
Sun Tai Lee 10
Tung Lai Chan 10
Cheng Wo 10
Wai Wo 10
Kwong Cheong Loong 10
Messrs. Woolley's comrades 10
Yat Wo 10
Tien Yuen 10
Yue Yuen 10
Fuk Loong 10
Nam Yuen 10
Mia Yuen 10
Sung Yuen 10
Kwong Tung Yuen 10
Kung Shu Lan 10
Lee Yuen 10
Wu Hing 10
Ming Koo 10
Shing On 10
Kwong Tung Hing 10
On Wo 10
Hing Koo Hong 10
On Wo Loong 10
Tung Cheong Wing 10
Kwong Yee Wai 10
Ong Yee Hong 10

There is little to report from here. The Christmas and New Year passed away very quietly with few dinners and dances. I hear there is to be an Amateur performance soon.

The weather has been very mild and fine for the last week.

The Chinese ironed Chi Yuen came in to-day. I think it is the first visit she has paid here; she remains for four days, then goes south.

Things look up for Bangkok. Two steamers left for there within the last three days.

Things are very dull and I suppose will continue so until after the Chinese New Year holidays.

No signs yet of the patacons for the China Merchants' wharf.

Tax. D. D. R. str. *Dolphin*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port yesterday afternoon, and may be expected here on or about the 23rd inst.

About seven o'clock last night fire broke out in a wooden structure at the Government Civil Hospital used for the accommodation of patients suffering from infectious diseases. With the aid of the fireman on duty at the Hospital, the Hospital staff succeeded in subduing the flames before the fire obtained any substantial hold of the building. Very little damage was done. There were three patients in the building at the time.

Mrs. Truethold held an inquiry at this Board-room, Poland-street, London, on Dec. 11, with reference to the death of Lieut. Hammond Montague Allen, aged twenty-five years, of the 53rd Regiment, who was found dead in a bedroom at 10, Bury street, St. James's, on the 6th December. Lieut. Col. Walter T. Ellis, of the 2nd Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment, identified the body of the deceased as belonging to his regiment. He deposed that he was the commanding officer of the regiment at the time of the death, and that he was very poor, and would have to leave the army. He asked the witness to transfer him to the other battalion of the regiment in India, and he did so, and he was to leave at the end of January. When Lieut. Col. Ellis was asked to leave, he said his friends, he became very depressed. He was a very good, quiet officer, and as a matter of fact was very well off. Dr. Garcon, of Duke-street, St. James's, who was called in, described the position of the deceased, who was found sitting astride a chair in front of a looking glass. The revolver produced had been fired from the right side of the head, the bullet passing directly across the skull and embedding itself in the wall opposite. A path, which was a few inches wide, led from the door to the chair, and the witness said that he had been in the room at the time of the death, and that he had seen the body of the deceased.

The 'Excelsior,' the largest diamond in the world, (says an exchange) is now deposited in one of the safes of the Bank of England. It was found in June last in the mines of Jagersfontein, Cape Colony, by Captain Edward Jorgensen, the Inspector of the mine. In his opinion, corroborated by that of the director, Mr. Gifford, the 'Excelsior' is a stone of the purest water, and is worth about a million sterling. Exceptional precautions were taken to remove it, and it was taken to the coast. A squadron of the 15th Lancers guarded the carriage to Cape Town, from which it was brought to London in the gun-boat *Antelope*. It is fully three inches in height, and nearly three inches in breadth, weighing 271 carats or about seven carats Troy. The colour of the Jagersfontein diamond is white with a very slight bluish taint; and its lustre is matchless. At the centre is a very small black spot, which experts consider will be removed in the cutting. According to M. W. West, the British Government have offered half a million pounds sterling for this diamond to the proprietors, Messrs. Breyer and Bernheimer, but the offer has been refused. It is also said that the Director of the Chinese Exhibition were willing to insure the diamond for three-quarters of a million, in order to show the eighth wonder of the world. The German Emperor is reported to be the probable purchaser of the 'Excelsior.'

When one of the Australian Squadron was patrolling the South Seas lately, says the *Sydney Mail*, she came up with a very nice-looking sailing vessel, and one of her officers boarded the stranger. She proved to be a colonial-owned craft, engaged in recruiting kanakas for the Queensland plantations. On board, the naval officer noticed a photograph. He was told that before the vessel left Queensland the captain visited some of the larger plantations where the South Sea Islanders are employed. He took a camera and a photograph, and with these went to business photographing groups of natives on the plantation, also taking individual pictures of well-known natives from the New Hebrides and others from the Solomon Group. Editor's invention was then brought into service, the best known of the natives, especially those who have relatives and friends in the islands, being asked to speak into the photograph, and they would like to tell their friends. Large numbers of these photographed letters were procured, giving accounts of what sort of life the kanakas were having on the plantations, and any other news that would interest the old folks at home. At Mallicolo, Ambrym, San Christoval, Malakia, or other islands, as the case might be. After securing a good supply the ingenious shipmaster sailed for the islands, and when last seen was astonishing the natives. Many of the photos he had transferred to glass for use with the flashlight, and with the photos and the photograph he was in a position to give such an ocular exhibition of life on a plantation that fairly changed the native doubts into an enthusiasm to go to the islands. At the time the flashlight show he would produce a full-sized picture of an absent friend, a native who was well known at the island at which he happened to be, and to the amazement of his dusky audience, would make him speak words of greeting from his plantation home in Buntar's thousand miles away. If any misgivings were felt before the photograph was produced, that bewitched machine dispelled them by making the flashlight-figure of their friend address them in their own tongue and in the same voice that they knew so well when he dwelt amongst them. Needless to say, the photograph has proved a valuable recruiting accessory.

THE CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS.
At this fifty-fifth Annual Meeting, the Medical Missionary Society in China, with grateful recognition of Divine favor, and with thankful acknowledgments of the devotion and benevolence of its steadfast supporters and patrons, irrespective of nationalities and creeds, greets its friends, at home and abroad, with tidings of uninterrupted prosperity in its career of usefulness and beneficence for the amelioration of human suffering.

The past year brought more than the usual demands upon the resources of the Society, by reason of the prevalence of tropical fevers, which received skillful and humane treatment from its doctors, surgeons, and nurses; but the generous friends of the Society enabled it to meet these requirements with medical and surgical treatment, which, while beneficial to the afflicted and distressed, applicants for relief, also had a tendency to diminish the effects of malignant fevers among the native and foreign communities.

With the salaries of the doctors and surgeons of the Hospital paid by the benevolent Christians of America, all of the local contributions of Chinese and foreign residents are applied to the current expenses attending the treatment of those who need medical and surgical assistance.

By the co-operation of its friends of various nationalities, this, the oldest institution of the kind on the globe, enters upon another year of its existence, and appeals to its benevolent friends of every clime to continue their support and favor, as the best and most practical means of promoting the cause of humanity.

Business.
The following abstract of the Hospital Report was presented and read by the Secretary:—

Abstract.
The work has been carried on without interruption during the year. An unusual amount of sickness has prevailed, and there has been a larger number of in-patients than in any preceding year. The Hospital receipts also show an increase, and this is encouraging as the demands of the work are each year becoming greater.

The straggling work has been continued with good results, and the two hospital schools have been well patronized. Of twenty-four additions to the 2nd Presbyterian Church, which is in connection with the Hospital, ten have been patients.

The various tables which will be published in the complete report show that a considerable amount of work has been accomplished along the lines of operative surgery as well as in medical work.

INSUBORDINATION IN VICTORIA.

Before Mr. H. E. Wodhouse at the Magistracy this morning, William Arthur Pye, turnkey, Victoria Goal, was charged with refusing duty on the 18th inst.

J. J. Jones, warden, stated:—On the 18th inst., at 10.30 a.m., I asked the defendant to go on duty. He remained on duty till 11.20 a.m. He then refused to do any more duty reporting himself sick. At 2 p.m. the doctor came, and pronounced him fit for duty, I charged him with absconding himself from duty without leave. He reported himself sick to me and walked off without waiting for a reply. On the same morning at 6 o'clock he was absent from duty without leave. At 10.30 a.m. he was charged before the Superintendent with not having reported himself sick when he was off duty. He did not appear from 6 a.m. to 10.30. His quarters are in the Goal. He stated to the Superintendent that he felt more comfortable in bed. His duty was from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. He was fined by the Superintendent, and was ordered to go on duty at once. He went upstairs to his sleeping quarters, and did not turn up until 10.30 a.m. I then repeated the order. He did not turn up until 11.30, when he went on of his own accord. He remained on duty until 12.30 p.m., and then did no more duty. After the doctor reported him fit for duty, he still remained in his quarters and did no more duty that day. At 5.45 p.m. he was handed over to the police by the Superintendent of the Goal. He has been taken away about four months. On the 14th inst., he absconded himself from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m., without leave, and without reporting himself sick. I overlooked that, as I heard that he was sick. He had been on duty from 6 p.m. to midnight. The duty from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. was extra duty occasioned by shortage of hands. On Monday he was allowed the whole day off on account of having been a substitute for a man in the Hospital during a few days of last week. The man came on duty on Monday afternoon and resumed duty at midnight on Monday.

The accused pleaded drunkenness in excuse for his refusal to go on duty.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$25, with the alternative of six weeks in prison. The fine was paid.

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEDICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN CHINA.

The fifty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Society was held in Canton at the house of Messrs. Shaw and Co. on January 16th, 1894. There were present:—Hon. Charles Seymour, U. S. Consul; G. D. Fearon, Esq.; Rev. R. H. Graves, M.D., D.D.; Rev. C. C. Henry, D.D.; Miss M. W. Niles, M.D.; Miss R. C. Ellis, M.D.; Miss S. E. Halverson, M.D.; Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Fox; Rev. Messrs. Thos. McElroy; H. V. Noyes; C. H. Reeves; W. Briddle; S. C. Tope; G. W. Green; C. Bone; A. Alf; H. J. von Quallin; Mr. St. To Nam Tat; Dr. Wan; Dr. So To Ming, and Dr. J. M. Swan.

The meeting was called to order, and the Vice-President Hon. Charles Seymour on taking the chair called upon Mr. McElroy to open with prayer, after which the minutes of the meeting were read by the Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS.
At this fifty-fifth Annual Meeting, the Medical Missionary Society in China, with grateful recognition of Divine favor, and with thankful acknowledgments of the devotion and benevolence of its steadfast supporters and patrons, irrespective of nationalities and creeds, greets its friends, at home and abroad, with tidings of uninterrupted prosperity in its career of usefulness and beneficence for the amelioration of human suffering.

The past year brought more than the usual demands upon the resources of the Society, by reason of the prevalence of tropical fevers, which received skillful and humane treatment from its doctors, surgeons, and nurses; but the generous friends of the Society enabled it to meet these requirements with medical and surgical treatment, which, while beneficial to the afflicted and distressed, applicants for relief, also had a tendency to diminish the effects of malignant fevers among the native and foreign communities.

With the salaries of the doctors and surgeons of the Hospital paid by the benevolent Christians of America, all of the local contributions of Chinese and foreign residents are applied to the current expenses attending the treatment of those who need medical and surgical assistance.

By the co-operation of its friends of various nationalities, this, the oldest institution of the kind on the globe, enters upon another year of its existence, and appeals to its benevolent friends of every clime to continue their support and favor, as the best and most practical means of promoting the cause of humanity.

Business.
The following abstract of the Hospital Report was presented and read by the Secretary:—

Abstract.
The work has been carried on without interruption during the year. An unusual amount of sickness has prevailed, and there has been a larger number of in-patients than in any preceding year. The Hospital receipts also show an increase, and this is encouraging as the demands of the work are each year becoming greater.

The straggling work has been continued with good results, and the two hospital schools have been well patronized. Of twenty-four additions to the 2nd Presbyterian Church, which is in connection with the Hospital, ten have been patients.

The various tables which will be published in the complete report show that a considerable amount of work has been accomplished along the lines of operative surgery as well as in medical work.

Officers for the current year were then elected as follows:—

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A review table of the cases of venereal cases for the past thirty-four years will be published, giving some interesting statistics, and showing that fourteen thousand and eighty-three cases have been operated upon with a mortality of ninety-seven, or only six and two-thirds per cent.

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THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT AND THE HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS were then presented, the following abstracts being read by the Secretary:—

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CANTON HOSPITAL ACCOUNT, RECEIPTS, 1893.
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Cash received from Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st 3868.18
Cash received from Treasurer 2915.30
Cash received on Disbursement 603.00
Appropriations \$3096.79
Expenses of the Hospital: Foreign Drugs and Supplies 2917.10
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Re-issuing Surgeons' residences and adding two rooms 600.00
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After inspection of these accounts they were approved and accepted.

The following report of the Managing Committee was then read:—

REPORT OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE.
Your Committee have to report that the work of the hospital has been carried on without interruption throughout the year. Upon recent inspection we found the buildings and premises in good order. No hospital report will show an increase in receipts, and also an increase in disbursements, for which we are thankful. The gradual development of the work each year necessitates a larger expenditure of funds, and this we trust will be remembered by the friends and patrons of the Society.

An appeal of the Society for the appropriation for foreign medicines and supplies was necessitated by more of a demand than usual for these supplies, also by the very low rate of exchange. This excess is largely met by the increase in receipts for medicines sold.

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We recommend appropriations in accordance with the following estimates for the current year:—

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R. H. GRAVES, Chairman.

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JAPANESE DECORATIVE ART.
I have been watching two old men planting young trees in the garden of a neighbouring temple. They sometimes spend nearly an hour in planting a single sapling. Having fixed it in the ground, they retire to a distance to study the position of all its lines, and consult together about it. As a consequence, the sapling is taken up and replanted in a slightly different position. This is done no less than eight times before the little tree can be perfectly adjusted into the plan of the garden. These two old men are composing a mysterious thought with their little trees, changing them, transferring them, removing or replacing them, even as a poet changes and shifts his words, to give to his verse the most delicate or the most forcible expression possible.

In the garden of the little house I now occupy in Kumanoto, there are about fifteen rocks, or large stones, of as many shapes and sizes. They have no real intrinsic value, not even as possible building material. And yet the proprietor of the house, who is a Japanese, has collected seven hundred and fifty Japanese dollars, or considerably more than the pretty house itself could possibly have cost. And it would be wrong to suppose the cost of the stones due to the cost of their transportation from the wilds of the Sierras.

No; they are worth seven hundred and fifty dollars only because they are considered beautiful to a certain degree, and because there is a large local demand for beautiful stones. They are not even of the best class, or they would have cost a great deal more. Now, until you can perceive that a big rough stone may have more aesthetic significance than a costly steel engraving, that it is a thing of beauty and a joy forever, you cannot begin to understand how the Japanese see things. 'But what,' you may ask, 'can be beautiful in a common stone?' Many things, but I will mention only one—irregularity.

In my little Japanese house, the *fumens*, or sliding screens of opaque paper between the rooms, are decorated with designs on a never tiring of looking. The designs vary in different parts of the dwelling; I will speak only of the *fumens* dividing my study from a smaller apartment. The ground-colour is a delicate cream yellow; and the golden patterns are designs on the mystic jewel symbols of Buddhism scattered over the surface by pairs. But no two sets of pairs are placed at exactly the same distance from each other; and the symbols themselves are curiously diversified, never appearing twice in exactly the same position or relation. Sometimes one jewel is transparent, and its fellow opaque; sometimes both are opaque or both transparent; sometimes the transparent one is the larger of two, sometimes the opaque is the larger; sometimes both are precisely the same size, sometimes they overlap, and sometimes do not touch; sometimes the opaque is on the left, sometimes on the right; sometimes the transparent jewel is above, sometimes below. Vainly, during the long hours of the day, I search for a repetition, or of anything approaching regularity, either in distribution, juxtaposition, grouping, dimensions, or contrast. And throughout the whole dwelling nothing resembling regularity in the choice decorative designs can be found. The irregularity by which it is avoided is amazing—rise to the dignity of genius. Now, all this is a common characteristic of Japanese decorative art; and after having lived for years under its influence, the sight of a regular eastern pattern upon a wall, a carpet, a ceiling, upon any decorated surface, pains like a horrible vulgarism. Surely, it is because we have so long been accustomed to look at Nature anthropomorphically that we can still endure mechanical uniformity in our decorative art, and that we remain insensible to charms of Nature which are clearly perceived even by the eyes of the Japanese child, wondering over its mother's shoulder at the green and blue wonder of the world—Lafcadio Hearn in *The Atlantic Monthly*.

A REMARKABLE LAWSUIT.
A remarkable administration suit has come before Mr. Justice Chitty in Chancery. A Mr. Cullender died in 1855 leaving his widow a life interest in his estate so long as she remained unmarried, with remainder to his children. Mrs. Cullender got into money difficulties, and, according to Counsel, her daughter, Mrs. Clarke suggested that she should marry again, in order that the property might pass to the children, they undertaking to provide for her. The story continued that Mrs. Cullender thereupon assumed male attire, in which

